Oxford DISTRICT Talented and Gifted Program PROGRAM NAME K-8 **GRADES SERVED** Barbara Denver CONTACT **Special Services Director** INFORMATION 30 Great Oak Road Oxford, CT 06478 (203) 881-2599 **PHONE** (203) 888-6813 FAX

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DESCRIPTION

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The Oxford School District has a Talented and Gifted program which encompasses grades K-8. This program nurtures strengths, interests, and abilities of the academically gifted and/or artistically and/or musically talented student.

At the K-2 level, the program is an enrichment program. However, at the 3-8 level, there is more specific multiple criteria for entrance into the program. Approximately 5% of the school district's population comprise this program.

The goals of the program are:

- --To strengthen the child's gifts and talents beyond the cognitive realm of thinking by developing higher level thinking skills, creativity and self motivation.
- -- To develop the child's independence in dealing with problem solving and decision making.
- -- To provide a peer group for the child that will promote a greater understanding of himself/herself and others while enabling him/her to relate and interact with others.
- -- When educationally appropriate, provide release time from the regular classroom so that the students might pursue activities designed to challenge their unique abilities.